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Enslave Steel Workers But Let Steel Barons Gouge All of Us, Says Congress

Rent Hogs Try It Again In Salinas

Greedy property owners and real estate interests in Salinas have renewed their efforts to junk rent control despite the federal government's designation of Salinas as a critical housing shortage area and the strong opposition of the Army, labor and most other groups in the community.

The battle was to be joined again at the Salinas city council meeting last night, a continuation of hearings launched by the council last Monday night and recessed when they ran beyond the allotted time.

Outcome of the session was not known as the Labor News went to press, but the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council was to have protested against any relaxation of controls.

The Salinas rental groups succeeded in getting the city council to de-control rents last year, and although the federal government restored controls there was an orgy of rent-raising in the meantime.

The local rent control board made a snap survey of some 900 rental units and reported that landlords had boosted rents on 54 per cent of the dwellings an average of 25 per cent.

It was believed that even if the city council yields to the bulldozing of the property interests and removes the rent curbs again the battle will continue.

One local AFL union official told the Labor News:

"Even though the federal law says the city council or board of supervisors can de-control rents, our charter says we have the right of referendum and can overrule the local body."

He predicted that a referendum would be called for in the event the rent lid was lifted again.

Carpenters Will Install Officers In Salinas

New officers of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 will be installed at the regular meeting Next Tuesday, July 1, with the refreshments committee dishing up refreshments to make it a festive occasion.

Elected in the union's balloting June 17 were the following:

President: Carl Helms.
Vice president: Melvin Martin.
Business agent and financial secretary: H. B. Baldwin.

Recording secretary: A. O. Miller.

Treasurer: O. O. Little.
Trustee: Nick Mascovich.
Conductor: Dewey Foster.
Warden: Jess Stephens.

Arbitration board: Herbert Nelson, Louis Koch, Kenneth Boles, Melvin Martin and Fred Davis.

District council: H. B. Baldwin, Melvin Martin, Russell Jeska and A. O. Miller.

Central Labor Council: Carl Helms, H. B. Baldwin, Fred Davis, Melvin Martin and C. H. Berry.

Congress Wants to Invoke Taft-Hartley Law Instead of Giving The President Legal Power to Take Over and Run Steel Mills Until Steel Magnates Decide to Bargain With Their Employees

When President Truman recently issued the order to take over the steel mills as the only means remaining to continue steel production, after the steel workers started to walk out in the country's steel plants to enforce a strike, a large number of the members of both houses of Congress criticized the President unmercifully and even suggested that he be impeached for exceeding his authority by using a power, which Congress alone has the constitutional power to give him.

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that this contention is essentially correct. Truman promptly accepted the ruling of the Supreme Court and returned the steel mills to the owners. On the other hand the steel workers just as promptly walked off the job again as soon as the government seizure was cancelled. Eight days later the President called both houses of Congress into special joint session, where he delivered one of the best and most logical addresses he has ever uttered, in which he recommended that the Congress authorize the government to take over the steel mills and operate them until the employers and their employees could reach an agreement that would insure continued production of steel.

WHAT PRESIDENT SAID

After giving a brief history of the stalled negotiations between the industry and the steelworkers, the President said, "We are faced with the imperative need for getting most, if not all, of the nation's steel mills back into production very promptly."

"There are several possible courses of action that might be followed. However, I believe there are two main possibilities. One of these is government operation of the steel mills. The other is the use of a labor injunction of the type authorized by the Taft-Hartley law. The Congress can choose either of these courses. I cannot. I could only use the Taft-Hartley approach. In my judgment, that is by far the worse of the two approaches."

"I believe the Congress should make its choice with a view of bringing about three objectives: first, to secure essential steel productions; second, to assure fair treatment to both parties, in accordance with sound price and wage stabilization policies; third, to encourage the parties to settle their differences through collective bargaining. . . ."

"A seizure law, if properly drafted, can achieve the objectives of assuring steel production, treating both parties fairly and encouraging collective bargaining. The key requirement of such a law, if it is to accomplish these ends, is to provide for fair and just compensation to the owners for the use of their property during a seizure and fair and just compensation for the work of the employees."

"The Constitution protects the owners of property during a period of government operation by requiring that they be given just compensation—and they can appeal to the courts to enforce that requirement. The law should give similar protection to wage earners. This means that changes in wages and working conditions during seizure should not be prevented by law. If they were, the seizure would mean that workers would be compelled to work indefinitely without a change of wages, no matter how much a change might be justified. This is obviously not equal justice under law."

Pointing to the alternative, the President said, "I do not recommend that the Congress adopt the Taft-Hartley approach. I think it would be unwise, unfair and quite possibly ineffective."

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Del Monte Props. Forced to Rehire Culinary Member

The economic giant of the Monterey peninsula has been brought to book by the might of organized labor.

The wealthy and powerful Del Monte Properties came to terms last week with Monterey Culinary & Bartenders Union 483 and reinstated a worker who had been a key man in the drive which organized almost 100 per cent of the employees of the Del Monte Hotel into the union.

The settlement came after Local 483 had publicly announced its intention to picket the hotel.

Importance of the union's victory cannot be over-estimated, as this is the first time a legitimate labor organization has crossed swords successfully with the big holding company which rules over a large

chunk of the Peninsula like a feudal empire and operates varied enterprises including the resort hotel, beaches, exclusive residential developments and a gravel plant.

It was about six weeks ago that the Bartender-Culinary union first notified Del Monte Properties that it was organizing the hotel and

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New Monterey Headquarters

New Monterey headquarters of the laborers, painters and Building Trades Council will be open for business next Monday, June 30.

Laborers Union 690, Painters Union 272 and the Council will occupy new offices at Hoffman and Light-house streets. The unions presently share quarters at 315 Alvarado street. Their phone numbers will remain the same.

Plumbers to Elect

Election of officers for the coming year will be the principal item of business this Friday night at the regular meeting of Monterey Plumbers Union 62.

Nominations for the various offices were opened at the May 23 meeting and concluded at the June 13 meeting.

Business Manager John Grisin urged all members to be present at this meeting so they can participate in the selection of the officials who will represent them.

Construction Booms in Monterey Area

Booming construction activity in the Monterey vicinity is bringing about a shortage of building trades craftsmen.

Laborers Union 690 reported last week that all book members are at work and that it is taking new applications. Despite this, the union is having difficulty finding enough men to fill all job calls.

Business Manager John Grisin of Plumbers Union 62 similarly stated that work was good in his craft. The union has calls for more men than it can supply—particularly plumbers, but also steamfitters and welders.

Painters Union 272 foresees heavy additional demands for painters during the next few weeks, and Carpenters Union 1323 is unable to supply enough craftsmen to fill all calls.

Largely responsible for the building activity are two government projects, the Army's Fort Ord and the Navy's new housing project, La Mesa Village.

Fish Canneries At Monterey Busy Again

For the first time in almost half a year, fish canneries in Monterey have gone into operation and members of the Fish Cannery Workers Union are getting some work.

The long spell of unemployment was broken at least temporarily last week when fishing boats came in with fair-sized catches of anchovies and four of the canneries resumed operations.

The cannery workers and fishermen are hoping that the weather will remain good and that the anchovy catch will continue.

Anchovies customarily show up at this time and in the past they were regarded just as something to fill in the time until beginning of the sardine season, the mainstay of the canneries, on August 1.

For the past several years, however, the sardines have failed to show up in any appreciable numbers in Northern California waters. Last year there were only limited operations, and the sardines had to be trucked up from San Pedro and other Southern California ports where the catch was pretty good.

WSB Okays Salinas Culinary Vacations

Salinas Culinary & Bartenders Union 355 received word last Thursday that the Wage Stabilization Board has approved its recently negotiated vacation provisions. The Salinas culinary workers will get two weeks' vacation after two years' service, retroactive to June 1, 1951.

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, ph. AXminster 6-7143; office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 627—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Jim Foster, 365 Main St., phone 6746; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 413 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, ph. 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, ph. Mont. 2-3002; Office, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, ph. 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 505 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849; Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 935 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Herbert Nelson; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., H. J. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., S. A. Foletta, San Ardo.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 8th Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Donald Halcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Roy E. Brayton, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Pilliar, 23 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902; Office, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Harvey Baldwin, ph. Salinas 9293; V. Pres., Geo. Celby, ph. Santa Cruz 6095; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thintgen, ph. Monterey 5-6726; office, 462A Main St., Watsonville, ph. 4-9403.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood; Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office in Glickburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday, Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Alvin L. Esser, 915 W. Laurel Drive, phone 23273; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 160 El Camino Real So., phone 24225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office 117 Pajaro Street, phone 22886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec.-Treas. and Branch Agt., Chas. Snyder, P. O. Box 97, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 5701.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 527 Roosevelt St., phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst., B. A. Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glickburg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jonas. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777; Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 513, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. & B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Luella Bagwell, 234 Soledad St.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, 511 Towst St., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., Leslie Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone 9494; office, Labor Temple, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 29 (Business Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 1919 Grove St., Oakland, phone TWinocks 3-5933; Sec., Marilyn E. Anglin; Bus. Agt., John B. Kinnick.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 54 Oregon, phone 2-3992; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1329 Garner Ave., phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, home, 417 Lincoln; office, 117 Pajaro, phone 6783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Weds., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone, 2-2565; office, Labor Temple, phone 6777.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., G. E. Winter; Sec., Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle, office Labor Temple phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Canney, 325 Sequoia, phone 2-4261; Sec., R. A. LaFayette, 52 Ends Dr., phone 9973.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Olaf N. Olson; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., phone 2-1102.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and B.A., Gerold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Rm. 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karach, 90 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., J. Linden; Sec.-B. A., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Russell J. Messner; Sec., Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Rd., Salinas, phone 3045.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinkey, 105 19th St., P. G.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson; Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., C. H. Buck, Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

IAM Member Wins \$10,000 Award for Diesel Dermatitis

Philadelphia (LPA)—The two-year-old fight of the International Association of Machinists to establish dermatitis as a diesel railroad occupational disease got a boost here when an IAM member won a \$10,000 verdict against the Lehigh Valley Railroad in U. S. District Court.

Plaintiff was Robert E. Lynch, shop chairman of Lodge 1067 at Sayre, Pa., who contracted the disease in April 1949 after working in the Lehigh's diesel shop four months. He was treated by company doctors at company expense, but it refused to pay him lost time, amounting to about \$900, so he sued.

The railroad argued it had no way of knowing what oils and solvents constitute a hazard and said there had been but one previous case and that it had "cleared up quickly." Lynch's lawyers produced expert witnesses who testified that as long ago as 1937 industrial medical men recognized such oils and solvents as hazards and had shown how to protect against them. They showed also that the earlier case which had "cleared up quickly" actually lasted a year.

Judge Owen W. Burns left it up to the jury whether the railroad had been negligent. The jury felt that it had, to the tune of \$10,000.

The IAM has been campaigning to have state and federal laws recognize dermatitis as an occupational disease.

Read your labor paper, then pass it on to others.



STEEL TALKS COLLAPSE—Management and labor listen glumly as Steelworkers Pres. Philip Murray reads a statement denouncing the adamant and unfair stand of the steel companies which caused the collapse of White House efforts to settle the steel dispute June 9. Around the table, left to right, are: John Stephens, U. S. Steel; Chas. White, Republic Steel; Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman; Murray; David McDonald, union secretary, and Arthur Goldberg, back to camera, union counsel. (LPA)

PRODUCTIVITY RAISES A MUST SAYS OLIVER

(AFL Release)

Eli L. Oliver, economic consultant to the Railway Labor Executives Association, told the Wage Stabilization Board that to insure industrial efficiency and a steady increase in the productive capacity of American industry, real wages must be raised over and above the amount required by changes in the cost of living.

Oliver urged that the WSB grant productivity wage increases immediately in view of the rapid rise in American production over the last half century.

INCREASES PRACTICAL
"Such productivity increases are a practical question and ought to be decided in light of American industrial experience," Oliver declared. "No doubt can exist that rising real wages have accompanied the growth of American production and productivity."

The railway economist said, "It must be conceded that the rise in real wages did not prevent the greatest increase in productivity in all economic history."

The facts presented to the Wage Board by Oliver were:

Real wages in America rose only 30 per cent during the period between 1940 and 1950, while American industrial productivity rose 60 per cent in the same period.

During these same years, population rose less rapidly.

In 1950, per capita production was 40 per cent greater than in 1940. In the same decade, per capita consumption rose 33 per cent.

GREATEST INCENTIVE
Oliver contended that higher wages provide the greatest incentive to industrial efficiency, greater production, and more productive machines.

"During the first eight months of 1950," he reported, "the railroads, despite a wage increase of 20 per cent, had a lower labor cost per unit of traffic than they had during the first eight months of 1949."

"The total effect of the 20 per cent increase was absorbed by technological changes and the increased efficiency of railway workers."

Oliver said "there is every reason to believe that the factors which make possible rising industrial efficiency are present through out American industry today."

New Record

The International Telephone & Telegraph Co. reported it earned more money in 1951 than ever before. Earnings last year totaled \$17,992,000, or \$2,435,000 more than they amounted to in 1950.

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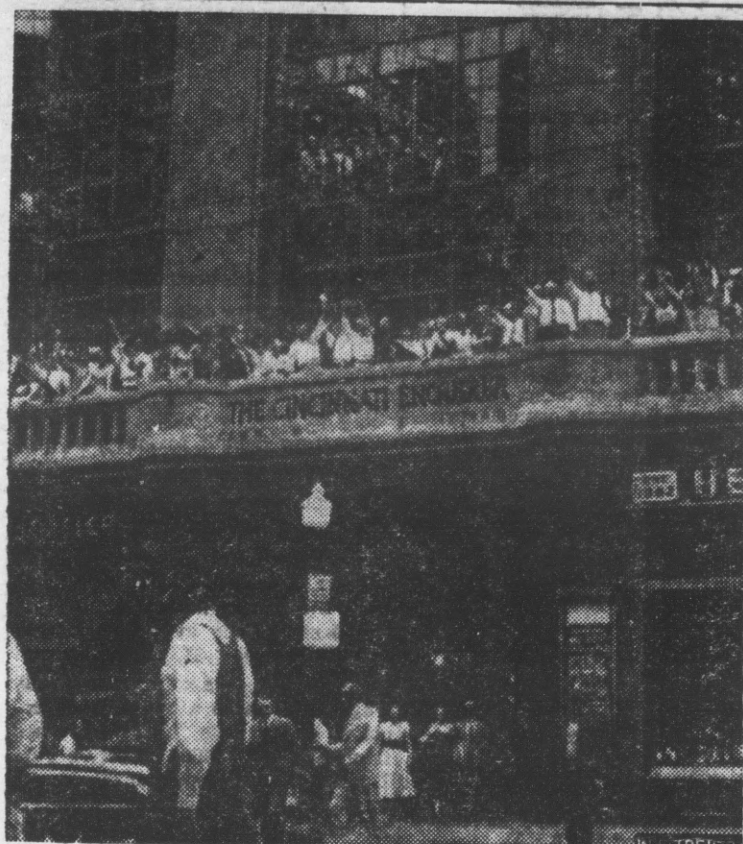
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TAFT INTERESTS LOST—Jubilant employees of the Cincinnati Enquirer crowded onto a balcony of the newspaper building to shout to passersby that a federal court had approved sale of the paper to an employees' group for \$7,600,000. Taft family interests, which own the Cincinnati Times-Star, had offered \$7,500,000 for the rival paper. (LPA)

RELAXED HOUSING PAYMENTS MEAN LITTLE TO WORKERS

Washington (LPA).—The government's announcement June 9 that down payments required for purchase of new homes had been lowered met with little enthusiasm from union leaders.

One labor spokesman said reduction of the non-veteran down payment from 10 per cent to 5 per cent on homes costing \$7000 or less had "very little practical value" because there are few decent homes in that price range. The relaxed down payment regulations will be "insignificant to the great bulk of working people until the prices of houses go down," he said.

The new credit terms do away altogether with the 4 per cent down payment previously required by veterans on housing valued at \$7000 or less, but in other value classifications within possible reach of some working people, the reductions for the most part are very slight.

For instance, on a house valued at \$10,000, the old non-veteran down payment required was \$1500. The new down payment is \$1450, only \$50 less. For a \$12,000 house the down payment has been cut from \$2400 to \$2350, for a \$9000 house, from \$1350 to \$1200; for an \$8000 house, from \$1200 to \$950.

For a veteran, the down payment on a \$12,000 house was cut from \$960 to \$900; on a \$10,000 house, from \$600 to \$580 (only \$20); on a \$9000 house, from \$540 to \$480; on an \$8000 house, from \$480 to \$380.

However, on higher priced homes, generally considered out of

reach of the working man, down payments were cut anywhere from \$500 on a \$15,000 home to \$2250 on a \$22,000 dwelling.

The construction industry, which wants removal of all housing controls, said the relaxation was "so slight" it would be "of little help to most prospective home buyers." The National Association of Home Builders said the changes were "a vast disappointment" and left down payments "far too large."

171,000 Workers Win Wage Settlements In Southern States

Atlanta, Ga. (LPA)—More than 171,000 Southern workers shared in 341 wage settlements during May with some 25,000 in the metal trades getting pay increases up to 24 cents an hour, most of them in the 7½ to 15 cents range. About 20,000 transportation workers got raises of between 5 and 50 cents with about two-thirds in the range of 12 to 19 cents, the southern office of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced June 15. Settlements were double the number of a year ago.

Approximately 15 per cent of the settlements were for governmental workers, with three-fourths covering municipal employees of which a large proportion were school teachers. Their increases most frequently were for \$250 to \$300 a year although the range was \$90 to \$400. Increases for hourly-paid municipal and state employees usually amounted to around 10 to 15 cents.

Wage increases for 5 to 10 cents an hour accounted for 43 per cent of the changes, 32 per cent were for 10 to 20 cents, 5 per cent were for more than 20 per cent, while increases of less than 5 cents figured in 20 per cent of the settlements.

Keep your union active, interesting. Discuss, take a stand on all matters affecting the worker. Publicize your action.

North California Carpenters' Strike Ends in Victory

(State Fed. Release)

The carpenters in 42 northern counties won a resounding victory last week when the Associated General Contractors' representatives in San Francisco came to terms with the 42-county committee of the striking AFL carpenters.

The strike, which lasted approximately five weeks, was won despite strong AGC resistance. Terms of the settlement are as follows:

- (1) A 15-cent hourly increase, retroactive to May 12 of this year.
- (2) A 7½-cent hourly welfare payment for each union member, effective March 1, 1953, a joint committee composed of equal members of union and employer representatives to work out the details of the plan meanwhile.
- (3) An additional increase of 6 cents an hour which, making the increase 21 cents in all, will bring carpenters in the 42 counties up to Bay Area wage level, to become effective the first payroll period beginning in the week of February 23, 1953.

Toward the end of the strike there were almost no unemployed carpenters in local union halls. Percy Lund, a member of the carpenters negotiation committee, has pointed out that, as a result of this, those employers who refused to sign interim agreements and whose jobs were consequently shut down are now having great difficulty securing men.

Except for item three eliminating the geographical differential between Bay Area and other counties, the terms of the agreement follow closely the recent settlement of the 9-week Bay Area carpenters strike. The Bay Area carpenters won a 15-cent hourly increase retroactive to May 1, 1952, along with the 7½-cent welfare plan which will provide coverage for carpenters beginning March 1, 1953.

Groceries Worth \$1 In '39 Now Cost \$2.31

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that housewives in the first two weeks of May had to pay \$2.31 in grocery stores for the same amount of food that cost only \$1 in 1939. And the food which took \$1 from their pocketbooks just before the Korean war began now costs \$1.37.

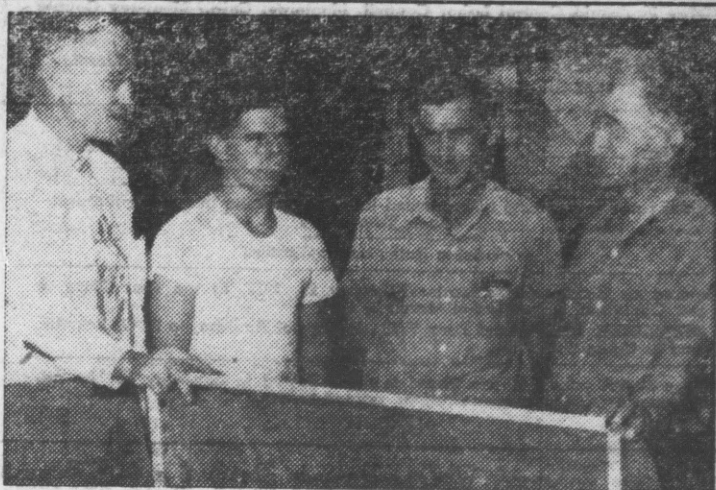
Meantime, retail food prices were expected to shoot even higher because the Office of Price Stabilization authorized increases of up to 2 cents an item on 14 kinds of food.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY—Roy L. Hawley, left, U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship representative at Phoenix, Ariz., talks with three generations of AFL Sheet Metal Workers at the plant where they work in Mesa, Ariz. Left to right are: Evander E. Porr, apprentice; his father, Evander Porr, and his grandfather, Elmer Porr, both journeymen. (LPA)

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Union Supports Bill For Tax Deduction By Working Mothers

Boston (LPA)—A union-backed bill to allow a \$500 state income tax deduction for working mothers who hire baby sitters was introduced the week of June 9 in the Massachusetts Senate.

Most of the work of drafting the bill was done by legislative agents for Local 1505, Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This local represents 12,000 workers at Raytheon Mfg. plants in greater Boston. A similar bill was defeated recently in the New York legislature.

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Enslave Steel Workers But Let Steel Barons Gouge Us All, Says Congress

(Continued from Page 1)

Our present Congress just refuses to use its power to end the present strike of steel workers in the manner recommended by President Truman. Instead the President is being told in many ways by a majority of our national lawmakers to use the Taft-Hartley law to end the present steel strike.

In the meantime all people should make sure they know what the issues involved really are.

The government has tried very hard to bring about a peaceful settlement in order to insure uninterrupted production of steel. The Wage Stabilization Board has heard both sides and made its recommendation of certain increases in the wages, which are far below what was originally asked. Steel workers reluctantly voted to accept. But the steel magnates refused to agree to granting these wage increases even after being assured of a sufficient increase in price of steel to take care of the wage increases. Our steel cartel demanded instead a much larger price increase than the entire wage increase would have totaled.

Where does this put us, the country and the steel workers?

If the steel barons are given their way, which is evidently what the present Congress wants done, they will be given clear sailing to proceed to gouge the American people with staggering price increases, for they are asking not only what the very generous Capehart amendment gives them a legal right to ask but refuse to play ball unless they are granted much more in price increase than the recommended wage increase amounts to.

These are the issues in a nut-shell, as they appear on the surface.

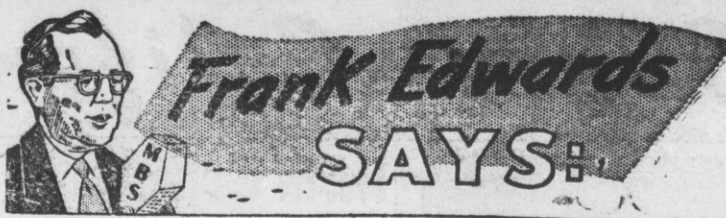
But there is a far more fundamental issue and principle involved when Congress or anybody else suggests injunctions provided by the Taft-Hartley Act should be invoked to order the steel workers to go back to work for a period of 80 days more without any wage increases. This, after they already waited 99 days before they went out on strike in the first place.

Our present Congress says: Invoke the Taft-Hartley law and let some judge issue an injunction ordering the steel workers to call off their strike and return to work. This law might get the officers of the union to call the strike off but if each one of the 650,000 steel workers stand on their constitutional right to refuse to work, as the miners did under similar circumstances, what are the courts or Congress going to do about it?

Are these lawmakers and law interpreters who talk so loudly and vehemently about our constitution when it suits their purpose to do so, going to take the position that the Taft-Hartley law has replaced that part of our constitution which provides that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction"?

If Congress or anybody else can tell the steel workers that they must work, when they do not want to, that is tantamount to saying that they must be slaves again any time it is so decreed. This is exactly the reason laboring people everywhere in the United States call the Taft-Hartley Act a SLAVE ACT. Any worker, anywhere, who can be ordered to go back to work after he has quit of his own free will and desire, is no longer free in any sense, but has been once more reduced to slavery and involuntary servitude. If a free citizen of the United States can be forced to work for 80 days under this law, in spite of the 13th Amendment, then he can also be forced to work 80 months or 80 years by merely changing the Taft-Hartley law to that effect. It is not a question of how long it is lawful for a law to consign a worker to work against his will. The question is: Where do our lawmakers get any constitutional right to pass such a slave law as the Taft-Hartley law to compel any worker to work at all against his will for any period of time long or short?

Once more our people are being faced with the necessity of choosing between preserving the right of American workers to remain free men or letting them be forced back into slavery by way of the court injunction route. That's what invoking the Taft-Hartley law means.



Washington, D. C.

What They Really Want . . .

The key to the steel dispute is price. Unable to get the oversize price increase they want, the steel companies with Congressional assistance can secure the same results by injunction . . . forcing the workers to produce steel for the wages of 1950 . . . which the steel companies will sell to the American taxpayers at the prices of 1952.

Skyrocketing Potato Prices . . .

Special to housewives: The way was paved for skyrocketing potato prices when the Senate forced OPS to kill controls on fresh fruits and vegetables. Here is what it means to you housewives in terms of your pocketbooks . . . every time the price of potatoes goes up one cent per pound, it costs the housewives of America 200 million dollars.

Needy Old Folks . . .

From Port Huron, Mich.: "I am 74; my wife, who is blind, is 65. Our social security is \$61.80 and \$30.40—a total of \$92.20 per month. We would appreciate it very much if you would urge people in similar circumstances to write their Congressmen, asking them to do something about increasing social security payments, especially for those who are handicapped."

Within the A.M.A.:

The dictatorial politicians at the head of the American Medical Assn. were slapped down twice at their annual convention. The majority of the delegates to the convention refused to knuckle to the maneuverings of the AMA brass.

To the courageous majority of the AMA convention who defied the wrath of the medical dictators . . . congratulations. Doctors must have the same freedoms granted to other professions, and that includes freedom from domination by the controlling forces of the AMA.

JOKES, Etc.

The good old days: When we talked about "millions" for defense.

Teacher: Since pro means the opposite of con, can you give me an illustration?

Student: Progress and Congress.

An enormous player at the plate and an equally large catcher stood behind him. The court was one and one. The little runt of an umpire watching the pitch sizzle across the corner yelled, "Two!"

"Two what?" snarled the catcher, mashing his mask into the umpire's face.

"Yeh, two what?" growled the batter, raising his bat.

The umpire looked from one brute to the other, and said: "Too close to tell!"

The boys at the roundhouse observed that one of the crew was unusually glum, and asked what was bothering him.

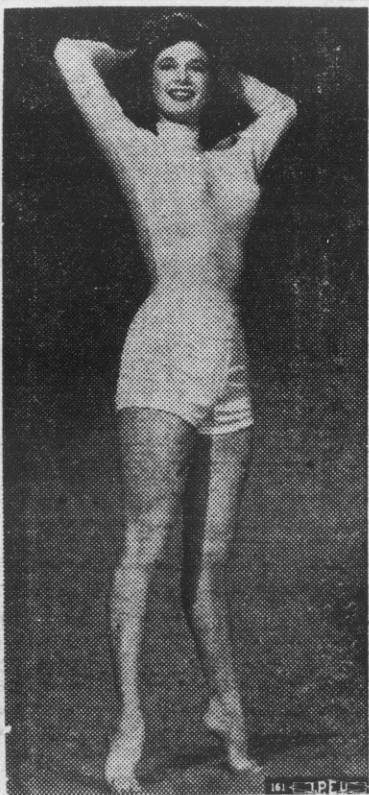
"I think my wife is tired of me," he replied.

"What makes you think so?" inquired a marital-wise friend.

"Every day this week," he answered, "she has wrapped my lunch in a road map."

"Have your bees done well this year, Green?"

"Pretty well; they haven't made much honey but they've stung my mother-in-law twice."



ON HER TOES—All ready for that figure-preserving daily dozen is Claudette Thornton, movie starlet and member of the Screen Actors Guild. (LPA)

A furloughed paratrooper was asked how many jumps he had made. "None," he replied, "But I've been pushed 15 times."

An optimist says his glass is still half full; a pessimist declares that his glass is already half empty.

A gossip talks about others; a bore talks about himself; a brilliant conversationalist talks about you.

If you want a girl to laugh at your jokes, tell her she has a musical laugh.

Love is the delusion that one girl differs from another.

A word of advice—don't give it.

Tavernkeeper: "Quick! There's been a robbery! Get a policeman!"
Teamster: "I'll park my truck here and there'll be one along in a moment."

Many a man thinks he has a clear conscience, when he has only a poor memory.

Clinton McKinnon Sends His Thanks To Labor Paper

Dear Friends:
Your valuable and sympathetic support in my recent Senatorial campaign was most helpful and encouraging and I want you to know how deeply I appreciate the many good things you did.

The Labor press was my first line of attack and while we all were disappointed in the election results, I know that without the good help of Labor newspapers, my showing would not have been anywhere near so good. If I had the support from other elements that I had from you, I am sure the results would have been satisfactory.

A million thanks for your good help. I'm deeply grateful.

Cordially,

CLINTON D. MCKINNON.

High Fly Bite

In Indianapolis, Ind., union airline pilots, who are getting used to transporting everything from grizzly bears to canaries, found new reason for demanding a special insurance clause in their next contract. Former Pilot C. P. Barnett filed a \$50,000 damage suit, claiming he was bit by a monkey and was thereafter unable to fly at high altitudes.

Take part in, and strengthen your union!



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

The new benefit formula, as provided by the 1950 Amendments to the Social Security Act, will mean higher payments for most persons now filing claims. For those having six quarters of coverage after 1950, the benefit may be figured on the basis of the average monthly wage after Dec. 31, 1950.

Since the maximum yearly wages for which a person may receive credit has been increased from \$3000 to \$3600 effective Jan. 1, 1951, the average monthly wage, upon which benefits are determined, will be generally higher. Under this new formula the benefit will be 50 per cent of the first \$100 of the average monthly wage, plus 15 per cent of the balance up to a maximum of \$300.

This does not mean an automatic increase to those now receiving social security benefits. Remember, you must have six quarters of coverage after 1950 to get these higher benefit payments under the new formula.

Although comparatively few persons will have to decide when to apply for benefits after retirement in 1952, the decision may be vitally important to those who do. Because of the provision excluding net earnings from self-employment in the year of applying, claims based solely upon this type of income will be reduced in benefit amount if applied for in 1952. The final decision as to when to apply must be made by the claimant; however, specific advice and information regarding the most advantageous time can be given by your Social Security Administration field office.

For further information on these or any other points concerning your social security, get in touch with the Social Security Administration Field Office at the above address.

Former Federation President Dies in L.A.

(State Fed. Release)

Adolph W. Hoch, 66, former president of the California State Federation of Labor, died suddenly in Los Angeles last week.

The deceased was president of the state AFL organization from 1930 to 1934.

During the past 12 years he had been a Federal Conciliation Commissioner.

A former representative of the International Association of Machinists, Brother Hoch was long active in Los Angeles civic life.

He was a one-time president of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, and also served as president of the Civil Service Commission.

He is survived by his widow in Los Angeles. They had celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary just two weeks before his death.

Sympathy of the state AFL movement was extended to Mrs. Keitha Hoch by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

'Fair Trade' Bill Sent To Senate Without Recommendation

Washington (LPA).—The Senate Commerce Committee sent the "fair trade" bill approved by the House, to the Senate June 11, "without recommendation." The measure is opposed by labor as price fixing, and harmful to consumers.



Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

274 E. Alisal St., Salinas

CONTRACTS

Your secretary, Bud Kenyon, has attended several meetings in San Francisco and in Oakland in the past two weeks. We have finally got a petition to the Wage Stabilization Board for the Welfare Plan for the milk industry. We have had several heated arguments with the milk industry negotiators to have the Welfare Plan placed into effect. The petition has been signed and is now in the hands of the WSB. Your union has insisted that it be placed into effect not later than July 1, 1952.

We have also completed negotiations with the AGC, the results being a 15c per hour increase across the board for all classifications with 7½c per hour to be paid into a Welfare Fund February 1, 1953. Your committee members, along with other local unions having heavy construction workers, are making every attempt that this plan be placed into effect immediately after February 1, 1953.

The cannery negotiations are almost complete at this writing. However, we must wait until Monday to get the results of a vote being taken throughout California covering the cannery workers. If they have accepted the recommendation of the negotiating committee, which was to accept 6c per hour increase for all classifications plus Memorial Day as an additional paid holiday, your contract will soon be completed. We will be in further negotiations with the frozen food companies and we wish all members employed at Dempsey-Hudson and Spiegls Farms to be on the alert for any called meetings, as we wish every member employed in these plans to attend the future negotiation meetings.

Negotiations are still going on with Van & Storage and Material Drivers and we hope to have a report for these groups next week.

Those members employed in the fresh pack have held one meeting to present their demands for the coming contract year. The companies have been notified to this effect.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of our good Bro.

Robert Burman who has been employed at Union Ice Company for several years. He has been a faithful shop steward and he will be missed greatly. We will miss him at all of our meetings as your secretary does not recall a regular meeting or special meeting that Bob was not in attendance. His daughter, Rose, will receive the death benefit of \$1000.

An illness has confined Clifford Maricle to his home for the past two weeks. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Cliff.

Are you listening to the broadcasts of Little League Baseball over KSBW each night immediately following Fulton Lewis Jr. at 9:30 p.m. Local 890 sponsors a broadcast each Monday, Wednesday and Friday night and we urge all members to listen. Also to heed the message given by some of your brother or sister members employed in the various sheds, urging your grocers to stock merchandise that is grown in the Salinas Valley and packed by members of Local 890. This will go a long way to perpetuate our payrolls giving our members full employment. So let all of us when shopping, especially for those fresh cellophanned packages of vegetables, look for those brands packed by members of Local 890 in our local packing sheds.

FLASH!! Texhoma, City, and Ace Cabs are now union and the contract has been signed covering those operations. Our cab industry is now organized 100 per cent in the Salinas area.

Our next big job, and we need your help, is to organize all service stations that employ attendants and bring them under the banner of the Teamsters Union. Drive out of any service station that does not display the Union Shop Card and tell them you will be happy to patronize them when the union shop card of the Teamsters Union is displayed.

GO UNION - BUY LABEL

Go union all the way: Attend meetings. Take part. Buy union label. Hear Frank Edwards. Register, and vote labor!

Del Monte Properties Must Rehire Culinary Member

(Continued from Page One)

wanted a meeting to discuss recognition and a contract. An initial conference was held between the management and a quartet of union officials comprising Royal E. Hallmark, secretary-treasurer, and Business Agents Edward Hazelton, Bob Armstrong and Jim Dunn.

The session ended with agreement to meet again last Friday, but on Wednesday, three days before that meeting could be held, a storm broke. On that date Del Monte Properties suddenly fired Michael Dugardyn, a waiter at the hotel who has been a key man in the organizing drive.

Reason given by the company was that it had received a complaint almost three weeks earlier, on June 1, that he had been surly to a guest.

Hallmark retorted that firing was an unusually severe penalty for such an offense, even if Dugardyn had been guilty. He declared that in view of Dugardyn's active union role the union considered that he had been fired for union activity.

He reminded the company that it had violated a pledge not to fire anyone working in any of the union's crafts without notifying the union and demanded that Dugardyn be reinstated in his job pending action on the case by the State Department of Conciliation.

The next day, Thursday, June 19, members of the union were alerted

for action by a quarter-page advertisement prominently displayed in the Monterey Peninsula Herald.

The ad read:

"Notice to all members of Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union Local 483:

"PHONE THE UNION OFFICE FOR PICKET LINE ASSIGNMENTS.

"A member in good standing of Local 483 has been unlawfully discharged under the definition of public policy of the laws of the State of California.

"(Signed) ROYAL E. HALLMARK, Secretary-Treasurer."

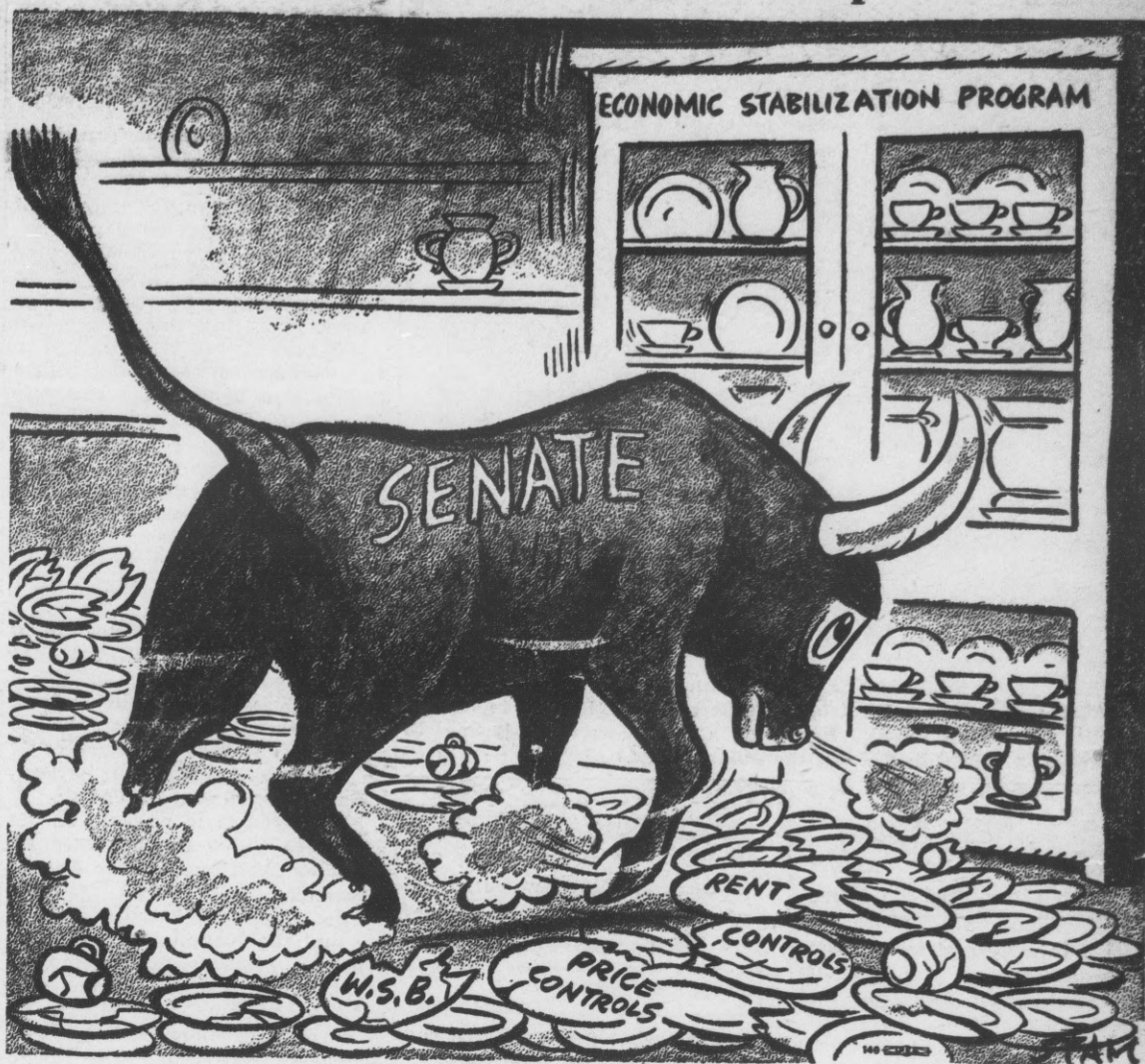
Since the Peninsula Herald had reported the fact of Dugardyn's firing and Hallmark's charge that it was a matter for union action, there was little doubt in anyone's mind, including the top management of Del Monte Properties, as to where the picket line would be set up.

The union went ahead with organization of the picket line, but on Thursday State Conciliator Tom Nicolopolous arrived in Monterey, held separate meetings with the union and the management and finally arranged to bring them together Friday morning.

At this meeting, attended by Hallmark and Armstrong for the union, agreement was reached to reinstate Dugardyn to his job.

The union will now press its demand for recognition as bargaining agent.

Bull In A China Shop



Farm Union Scores Sweeping Victory At Schenley Ranch

Los Angeles (LPA)—A sweeping victory, which Tom Randall, AFL organizer here, described as opening the way to organize all farm workers in California, was scored by the National Farm Labor Union at the 5,000-acre grape ranch of Schenley Industries at Delano.

Under an agreement negotiated by Randall, Bill Becker of the NFLU, and a Schenley vice-president from New York and its West Coast director, a wage increase of 5c an hour was won for all ranch employees, six union members were reinstated, grievance machinery was set up to handle complaints of workers, and the union was given a completely free hand to organize the rest of the workers with the company agreeing to recognize it as bargaining agent when it is shown to represent a majority of the employees.

Randall, in his report to AFL Pres. William Green, said that in his opinion "settlement of this dispute represents a clear-cut victory of the NFLU" and it is now the duty of the union to complete organization and have an election conducted by the California State Conciliation Service "for the purpose of certification of NFLU as a responsible representative group of agricultural workers in the state and recognized by a large agricultural operator."

AFL unions here, which have advanced thousands of dollars to aid the NFLU organizing drive in California, expressed themselves as highly pleased that big farm operators are beginning to recognize the NFLU and its right to bargain for their employees.

Under the agreement the NFLU and other AFL unions removed picket lines from the ranch and ended other economic pressure against company products. It was admitted that the "we do not patronize" drive against Schenley whiskies and other goods had cut sales more than 50 per cent.

When picketing of the ranch began in March it was brought out that Schenley officials had met with the union the previous October and work on negotiating a contract had begun when the Associated Farmers, representing big agricultural interests, intervened, threatening to run Schenley leaders out of the state, NFLU Pres. H. L. Mitchell revealed. He asked that the firm establish the same good labor relations on its ranch as exist in its industrial units.

Making Ends Meet Don't Fall for Food Fads, They Add to Your Expenses

By BERT SEIDMAN

Don't fall for food fads. They are expensive. Most often they won't do you any good. They may even be harmful. When you see high-powered advertising with sensational health claims or scare stories against familiar foods or cooking utensils, watch out.

Remember that the promoters usually have something to sell—either special food products or special cooking utensils—and they are out to get your money.

The most economical way to meet nutritional needs is to make sure that your meals include a variety of foods. What is mainly wrong with the food fads is that they encourage you to concentrate on one particular item—such as fresh home-ground whole wheat, or a liquid vegetable diet, or buttermilk, or other specially fermented milks—which alone cannot assure you of an adequate diet. The result is that your body is cheated of needed nutrients.

FOOD HINTS

Strawberries without the caps should be carefully examined. They may have been roughly handled or may be over-mature.

Eggs should be kept at low temperatures, above the freezing point but preferably not above 45 degrees. When you are using eggs, take out of the refrigerator only as many as you actually need.

FOOD BUYS

Look for chickens, strawberries, lettuce, and dairy products in your grocery store this week.

Broilers and fryers are still plentiful and can be used in lots of ways during the early summer season. You can use them for picnic lunch baskets or for outdoor barbecues. You can also use them in sandwiches. Stewing hens are also quite plentiful and reasonable and can be used in a variety of ways, such as in salads, loaves, potpie, casseroles, patties, and a la king.

In addition to lettuce, asparagus and corn are appearing in large quantities and there are also good supplies of spinach, radishes, cabbage, and carrots.

POTATOES

Potatoes are back on many grocery counters, but consumers aren't falling all over themselves to buy them.

Many housewives discovered that their families could live without potatoes during the past few weeks. Now that they are back they are willing to wait for the prices to come down to reasonable levels. With price ceilings removed from potatoes, they have been selling at 10 to 12½ cents, as compared with former ceiling prices of 8 to 10 cents.

UNION LABEL

The union label is your guide to a high quality product made by union men and women under union working conditions. Always remember to look for the union label.

Kefauver Thanks Washington CLU For Endorsement

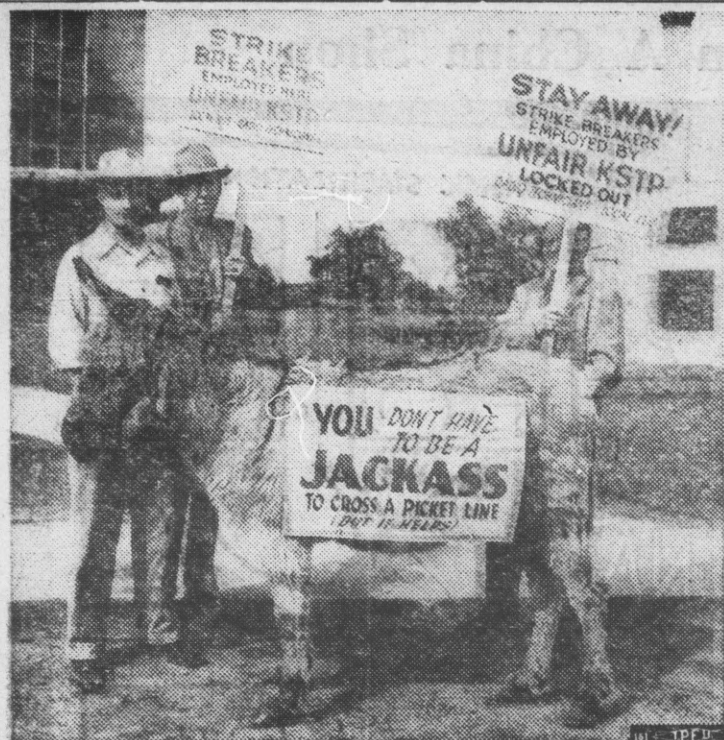
Washington (LPA)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), in thanking the Washington Central Labor Union for its endorsement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President, declared "one of our most powerful weapons in the world-wide fight against Communism is the 'unofficial ambassadors' from organized labor."

Writing to Clem F. Preller, CLU president, Kefauver said, "I wish the people of the United States could be made aware of the vital strategic work which has been carried on by American labor representatives in Europe and Asia." He called this "one of the brightest pages in the history of the American working people's continuing struggle for justice and liberty, not only for themselves, but for all humanity." He added that "more qualified labor people should be given the opportunity to serve the nation at top policy levels."

NPA Allotments

California, with 120 projects valued at \$62 million, led the list of NPA approvals for controlled material allotments to commercial, religious, entertainment, and municipal projects.

Unions are as democratic as you make them. Attend, take part!



PICKET LINE ASSISTANCE—The Minneapolis, Minn., Radio Technicians' local of the AFL Electrical Workers drew attention to its dispute with radio station KSTP by adding a banner-carrying jackass to the picket line. KSTP locked out the union. (LPA)

Labor Man Wins

Dubuque, Iowa (LPA).—Andrew G. Frommelt has won the Democratic nomination for state representative in a field of four. Frommelt is president of the Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress, and business representative of the Battery Workers Federal Labor Union No. 22516.

Equipment Shipped

Shipments of earth-moving and excavating equipment were valued at \$224 million for the first quarter of '52, an increase of four percent over the previous quarter's figure of \$215 million.

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AGRICULTURAL UNION VICTOR IN COAST TEST

Three thousand American farm workers in the Imperial Valley went back to work recently when Maurice J. Tobin, Secretary of Labor, ordered that employers importing Mexican nationals give preference on all farm jobs to domestic farm workers.

Pres. H. L. Mitchell of the National Agricultural Workers Union, AFL, announced settlement of the dispute that would have seriously affected the \$2 million melon crop near El Centro.

The Labor Department also cancelled one large employer's contract to import Mexicans; the employer was found hiring wetbacks, aliens who enter the country illegally by crossing the border without a permit.

A new piece rate was negotiated with the employers, providing that workers get 25c a box or \$25 a truckload for picking the melons. Under these rates, experienced workers can make in excess of \$1 an hour for the melon harvest, which lasts about 30 days.

A strike of farm workers on the 5,000-acre grape ranch owned by Schenley Distributors near Delano also ended.

The agreement between Schenley and the National Agricultural Workers provides for re-employment of all workers locked out by the company since March 15, as a result of union activity. Pay increases were won, with a 5c across-the-board advance granted. A grievance procedure also was set up.

Health Leader Brands AMA Politico Group

"When you speak of the American Medical Association you are speaking to me of a political group."

That is the reply Dr. Paul Magnuson, chairman of the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation and former Chief Medical Officer of the Veterans Administration, made when asked if the commission could devise a national health insurance plan that the AMA and the President could agree on.

"If you want to talk about something the politicians in Washington, the people, and American doctors can agree on, I think that is possible," Magnuson said. "But I don't think you can please politicians all over the country, whether they're medical politicians or other kinds."

Magnuson said President Truman has not tried to impose any preconceived ideas on the commission. He said Mr. Truman told him to choose top-level members to study the country's health problems.

Magnuson reported to the President that the commission has held 25 full days of panel discussions since it was established in January. A final report will be made in December.

"It will be both factual and imaginative," Magnuson said, "and we are determined that, to the best of our abilities, it will be a landmark in the history of health care in these United States."

The public will have an opportunity to express its views at five regional hearings to be held in August at places yet undesignated. Fourteen leading officials of the AMA already have been heard.

Machinist Leader Succumbs in Fresno

Fresno (LPA).—N. A. "Shorty" Gruhler, vice-president of the California State Conference of Machinists and for nine years business representative of District Lodge 87, Intl. Assn. of Machinists, died following an operation at 56.

A member of Machinists Local 653 for 24 years, he had held several other offices. He was a member of the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee, serving as its secretary until last year.

Monterey Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, 2348 Hedding, San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143. Office, San Jose Labor Temple, ph. CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 896—Meets 4th Wednesday, Redmen Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Mercurio, Carmel, phone 7-6868; Sec. Treas., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear St., phone 2-1127.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Wilford L. Ward, Del Monte, phone 2-0924. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark, Office, at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, alternating cities, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Angelo de Maria, Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, P.G., ph. 5-6943; Bus. Agts., Tom Eide, Monterey, ph. 5-3126; Paul Burnett, Santa Cruz, ph. 3481.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., J. W. Abraham, 138 19th, P. G., phone 5-4536; Fin. Sec., M. N. Irwin, ph. 2-0493; Sec. Sec., V. Perez, phone 2-0517; B. A., LeRoy Hasty, Forest and Morse Sts., P. G., phone 5-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec. Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 457 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6993. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, Llac Road phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humbrecht, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 315, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St., Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 1-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Wilbert Wheeler, 35 Laurel, Pacific Grove, Sec. and Bus. Agt., George Jenkins, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 1-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall, Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 9:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Daugherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-5213; Sec. and B. A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday at Franco Hotel, Castroville, Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opter, 624 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep. Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, Office, phone Monterey 5-6744.

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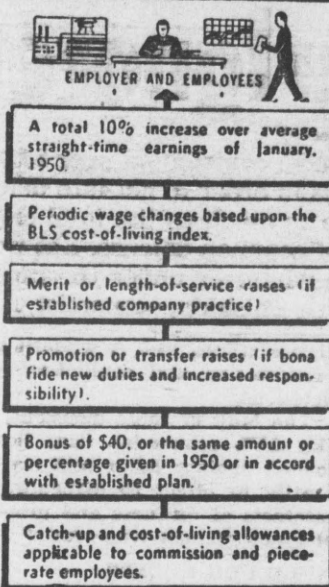
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THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Temple St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 Le la Vinc, ph. 5-5406.

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FAIR-MINDED MEDICS IN AMA FINALLY REVOLT AT LEADERS

Chicago (LPA). — The "dark ages" leadership of the American Medical Association has finally been kicked in the teeth. The House of Delegates, AMA ruling body, voted 85 to 77 to table a resolution denouncing President Truman's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation, and Dr. Paul Magnuson, commission chairman.

Dr. Magnuson, addressing the National Association of Science Writers, in Chicago to cover the AMA convention, lashed out at the opponents of the Commission, told the AMA to "go to hell," said his conscience was clear.

The AMA had attacked the Commission as a political device to get Truman off the hook, and as an indirect move toward "socialized medicine." Said Magnuson: "It has gotten to the point that any health legislation proposed to the Congress is no sooner introduced than highly-paid publicists spew forth a stream of invective which has little or no relation to the issue at hand. . . . Things have reached a sorry pass when the health and well-being of the American people is made the football for an obscene and vulgar battle between highly-paid publicists throwing nasty adjectives at each other at twenty paces."

(The AMA pays the husband-wife publicity firm of Whitaker and Baxter \$100,000 a year to spread the falsehood that the labor-backed Truman compulsory health insurance program is "socialized medicine.")

The motion to table the resolution was made by Dr. Russell Lee, Palo Alto, Calif., a member of the President's Commission. He urged the Commission not be judged until it had made its report, and added that "we must guard against tyranny within our own organiza-

tion. We must guard the freedom of expression. We should go back to our objective of human welfare."

Wholesale, Retail Food Prices Rise

Washington (LPA)—Average wholesale prices went up two-tenths of one per cent in the week ended June 10, the Labor Department reported June 13. Principal factors, said the report, were "extremely large" increases in potato prices and in the cost of some fresh citrus fruits.

The Department reported previously that retail food prices advanced one-tenth of one per cent between May 15 and 26, so that food that cost only \$1 in 1935-39 now costs \$2.31.

And Dun & Bradstreet reported that for the week ended June 10 the wholesale food price index had gone up 2c.

At Hot Springs, Va., a gathering of bankers was told by another banker that inflation is still a serious threat.

1952 Construction Record Is Foreseen

A new record of over \$32 billion is expected to be set by outlays for 1952 construction, according to the Dept. of Commerce and the Labor Dept. This will be \$1 billion over the 1951 total, reflecting largely increased outlay for military and atomic energy facilities.

Take part in, and strengthen your union!

UP Real Wages, Up Efficiency, Expert Urges

Washington (LPA)—As "real" wages rise, so does industry productivity, Eli L. Oliver, economic consultant for the Railway Labor Executives Assn., told the Wage Stabilization Board on June 9 in urging the board to grant real wage increases beyond the mere cost of living.

Real wages rose 30 per cent between 1940 and 1950, he pointed out, while productivity rose 60 per cent, though population rose much less rapidly. Per capita production rose 40 per cent in that decade while per capita consumption rose but 33 per cent.

Arguing that higher wages are the greatest spur to industrial efficiency and more productive machines, Oliver illustrated his case with the 40-hour week negotiated with the railroads in 1949, upping wages 20 per cent and costing the carriers an estimated \$490,000,000.

Actually, he said, "during the first eight months of 1950 the railroads had a lower labor cost per unit of traffic . . . than they had during the first eight months of 1949. The total effect of the 20 per cent increase had been absorbed by technological changes and the increased efficiency of the railway workers. This computation was made by railway unions and has been used repeatedly by them without challenge from railway managements."

"There is every reason to believe," he concluded, "that the factors that make possible rising industrial efficiency are present throughout American industry today. It is equally certain that the possibilities of such increased efficiency and productivity will not be attained if management is not given the incentive, through rising real wages, to achieve maximum economy in its use of labor."

IBEW Member's Son Wins \$500 Union Memorial Scholarship

Concord, Mass. (LPA)—John D. McCrone, 17, has won the second annual Connors memorial scholarship of \$500, offered by Local 1505, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He is a son of John McCrone, a member of Local 1505, which represents 12,000 workers at nearby Raytheon Mfg. The boy will enter Northeastern University in the fall, later study medicine.

The scholarship was named for the late Louis B. Connors, liberal labor leader of the Massachusetts House and Senate, and a member of the local during the World War II years. He died in 1950.

Union Education Must Be 'Grass Roots' And Not 'Canned'

Champaign, Ill. (LPA)—Union education programs must be built "in the grass roots" for each group, and a "canned" formal program cannot work in every case, John Connors told a three-day conference at the University of Illinois. Connors has headed the AFL Workers Education Bureau for 10 years.

Connors told the more than 80 unionists from 40 cities and towns that new union members must be taught the philosophy of trade unionism, and unions must work for education in labor problems in the local schools.

Harold J. Gibbons, secretary-treasurer of the 10,000-member Teamsters Local 688 in St. Louis, explained the approach of his local to the problem of educating its members. "You must have a basic belief in the right of the members to take part in making decisions in major policies," he said. "The best learning comes from doing."

Stanley Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Federation of Labor, stressed the vital importance of unions using educational facilities such as those the university offers.

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LLPE Registers 3,463 in 5 Days With Mobile Unit

St. Louis (LPA)—Using a trailer stationed in front of the Old Customs House in downtown St. Louis as a mobile unit, this city's Labor's League for Political Education succeeded in registering 3,463 voters in five days. Another result was the City Election Board receiving more than 200 "change of address" cards which AFL union officers distributed to passersby so that they could qualify to vote at the Aug. 5 primary election.

The registration unit was arranged by LLPE Publicity Chairman Maury E. Rubin, managing editor of the Labor Tribune. Electrical Workers Local 1 provided a loudspeaker and sound recorder playing records and stationed one of its members to care for the electrical system. Clerks, tables and chairs, with the work overflowing onto the sidewalk, came from the Registration Commission.

Locals Are Valuable Cog In Registration Drive

Success or failure of the 1952 voter registration drive by labor organizations is in the hands of the local unions, officers of Labor's League for Political Education declare.

Only local unions can do the registration job that has to be done. It cannot be done from Washington or the state capitals.

Here are some suggestions LLPE officials have made for conducting a voter registration campaign:

1. Decide the best time for registration campaigns in your city. The campaign should be held before the primary election. Another should be held before the general election in November.

2. A Political Education Committee in each local should be set up. It can appoint a registration subcommittee. Or the committee itself can carry on the work of registering members.

3. The rolls of the local union should be checked against the city registration records. That's the best way to find out who is registered.

4. The easiest way to get trade unionists registered is to talk to those who are not registered and explain how important their vote is. Talk about registration at union meetings. There should be a "reg-

istration steward" in each shop.

5. Union officials should ask their city to extend registration periods so that trade unionists who work all day can register at night and on Saturdays. Many cities will set up registration facilities at fire houses, police stations or schools so people don't have to go downtown to the city hall or court house to register.

Getting union members registered to vote is hard work, LLPE officials emphasize. But so is organizing unions. Registration is the key to all political education and action programs.

Knight Called Away By Mother's Illness

Business Agent Virgil C. Knight of Salinas Culinary & Bartenders Union 355 has been given a two-week leave of absence from his duties to travel to the bedside of his mother who is ill in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Go union all the way: Attend meetings. Take part. Buy union label. Hear Frank Edwards. Register, and vote labor!

Schools Make Work For Salinas Laborers

A gratifyingly high level of construction activity was reported last week by Wray D. Emple, business agent of Laborers Union 272 in Salinas.

Granite Construction Co. with three jobs going simultaneously is accounting for much of the work. Granite is doing street work in Hollister, paving a supermarket lot in Salinas and building the new Springfield school between Moss Landing and Watsonville.

Local 272 Laborers are busy on three other schoolhouses, one in Hollister being built by Contractor George Rentz, one at Soledad being built by Dick Hampshire, and one at Gonzales being erected by Thomelson & Huck.

Cavenys to Yakima

Lester Caveny, business agent of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, left with his family Friday for a one-week vacation. The Cavenys destination was Yakima, Wash., where they were to visit with relatives.

Lund Dies Suddenly

Death came suddenly last Thursday to Dan Lund, long-time member of Monterey Painters Union 272. Lund collapsed at his home and died shortly afterward, presumably of a heart attack. He had undergone a serious operation some time ago but seemed to have recovered and had gone back to work.

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\$11 Billion Handout To Big Biz; Labor Needs Are Ignored

(AFL Release)

"As of today, the taxpayers have contributed over \$11 billion as a handout to corporations in order to get into defense production. This is almost twice as much as the total expenditures for the whole program of common defense. Yet workers are given no such incentive whatever under the present wage stabilization program," Boris Shishkin, economist, AFL, told the Forum on Economic Education, Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia.

"Labor, which has supported wage stabilization and supports it now," Shishkin declared, "insists that under it the very minimum provision needed to balance this program is to permit collective bargaining agreements providing for an 11 per cent increase in wages, based on gain in productivity in the last two years."

LAWS HELL FOR LABOR

Shishkin spoke on labor law at the forum. He said that "laws governing labor-management relations are a paradise for lawyers and plain hell for labor, as well as for those in management who honestly seek a stable and co-operative relationship between the men who manage and the men who work."

Nine-tenths of what we call labor law, he said, should be junked. These include "a vast multitude of legislative enactments, a log jam of administrative rulings, and in-

terpretations, and a wilderness of crisscrossing and conflicting court decisions."

The bulk of these decisions, said the AFL economist, "are heavily loaded against labor and are primarily in effect to safeguard the interests of business and property, and not of men who work."

NEED FOR EQUITY

Such regulation as is needed, declared Shishkin, "should spring from a fundamental agreement between management and labor on the equitable method of resolving labor-management disputes."

Shishkin's third point led to the productivity increase. He pointed out that "in the administration of the defense mobilization program, there is need for equity and justice which Congress has failed thus far to write into the basic Defense Production Act."

"Today business is given no mean incentive to come forward and do what it should be doing anyway as a matter of patriotic duty."

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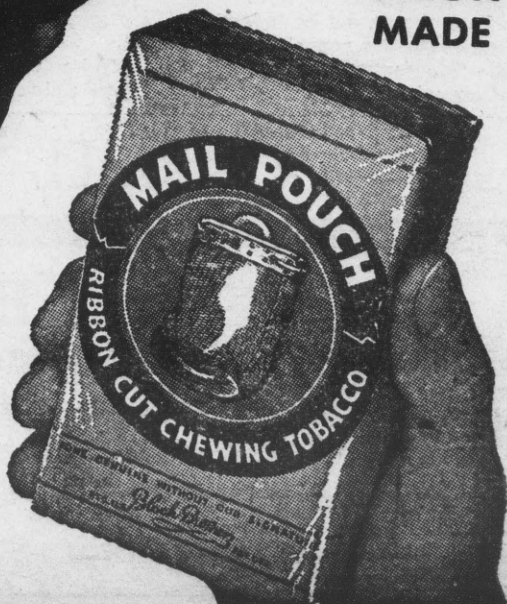
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